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1. AS FAR AS PHILIPPINES CONCERNED, SUGGESTION REFTEL
THAT ARO IS DOING VERY LITTLE IN ASIA CERTAINLY HOLDS
TRUE. TO OUR BEST KNOWLEDGE, ICFTU'S ASIAN REGIONAL
ARM UNDERTOOK ONLY ONE PROGRAM HERE LAST YEAR: SHORT
SEMINAR IN MANILA ON TRADE UNION LEADERSHIP.

2. LABOR SECRETARY BLAS OPLE, TUCP PRESIDENT ROBERTO
OCA, AND ALU PRESIDENT DEMOCRITO MENDOZA ARE UNANIMOUS
IN OPINION THAT ARO IMPACT ON TRADE UNION SCENE HERE IS
NEGLECTIBLE. DURING COURSE RECENT CONVERSATIONS (HELD
SEPARATELY) WITH LABATT, ALL THREE SPOKE NEGATIVELY OF
"INDIAN MAFIA" IN ASIAN LABOR MOVEMENT WHICH HAS CON-
TROLLED ARO. LACK OF FUNDS SINCE US WITHDRAWAL FROM ICFTU
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3. MENDOZA (WHO HAS FAVORED CLOSE ITS TIES OVER ICFTU AFFILIATION) DESCRIBES ICFTU EFFORTS IN PHILIPPINES AS "ABOUT ZERO". EVEN WHEN ICFTU'S ASIAN LABOR COLLEGE WAS ACTIVE, HE CLAIMED, 80 PERCENT OF PROGRAM WAS IN INDIA AND 100 PERCENT OF STAFF WAS INDIAN. OCA (WHOSE TUCP IS ICFTU'S PRINCIPLE PHILIPPINE AFFILIATE) AGREES ICFTU IS DOING LITTLE IF ANYTHING HERE. HE REMARKED HE PLANNED ATTEND APRIL ARO MEETING IN BANGKOK IN HIS CAPACITY AS ARO VICE PRESIDENT.
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